Starvation deaths

1848. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there had been starvation deaths of farmers in various States;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, year-wise and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No starvation death of farmers has been reported by any State Government/Union Territory.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Foodgrains to BPL families in Jharkhand and Orissa

1849. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that around 60 per cent of BPL families in Jharkhand have not been getting foodgrains from Government;

(b) whether the difference in allocation and realization of foodgrains are due to shortage of godowns of the FCI in the State;

(c) if so, the reasons which are plaguing the system in both Jharkhand and Orissa which are facing the brunt of its inefficiency; and

(d) the action plan of the Centre to fix responsibility on the inefficient officials and streamlining the process to secure foodgrains to the BPL families in both the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) There are 23.94 lakh BPL families (including AAY families) in Jharkhand for which monthly allocation of 0.84 lakh tonnes of foodgrains